

The MEMO Post

INTERVIEW with the Polish team, winners in the team competition

For how long did your preparation for the MEMO last?

Kamil Rychlewicz: Zero days.

Wojciech Nadar: The whole life.

What was your winning strategy?

Michał Zając: We divided problems among ourselves and everyone was solving his.

Everyone: Except for the problem with inequality which we solved together.

Which team was your biggest concern?

Grzegorz Białek: Hungary!

Michał: Germany!

Karol Kaszuba: Switzerland!

How are you going to celebrate your success?

Wojciech: By playing Captain Claw. ☺

Andrzej Fryszkowski, leader: We wanted to order a champagne but they didn't have it. We might celebrate with a whole bunch of ice cream.

Have you been reading The MEMO Post?

Dariusz Matlak: I read only the first edition.

Everyone \ Dariusz: We read most of them. It was funny.

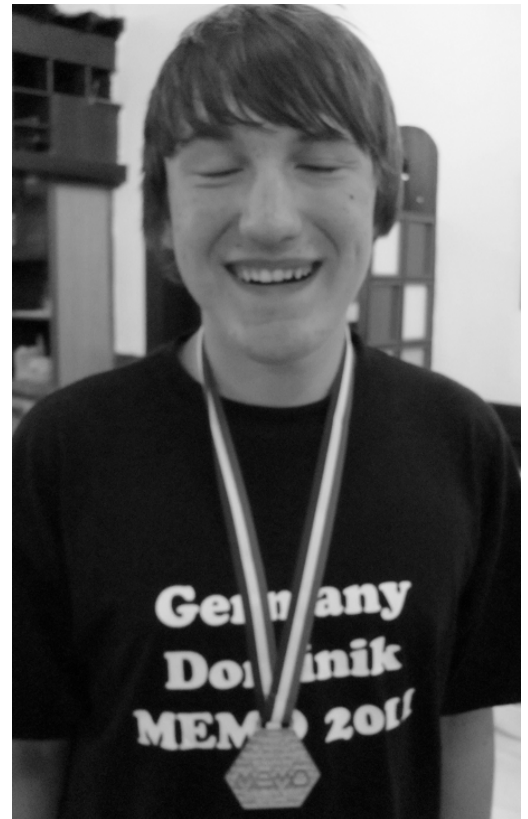
Michał: Remember the guy who said he would pay 108 euros for a gold medal? We tried to sell him one, but he didn't want it anymore.

Andrzej: The MEMO Post was a good idea.

Anything to add?

Michał: Organization was very good.

Andrzej: The main reason they did so well is that they have a good guide. ☺



INTERVIEW with Dominik Duda, German contestant and gold medalist

Is this gold medal your biggest achievement ever?

Yes, it's my first accomplishment on an international competition.

Do you think that this achievement will have a great impact on your life?

I really don't think so. I'm pleased to have won a gold medal but I don't think my life is going to change. I plan to go on with math because it makes me happy.

Did you expect the gold medal and would you be satisfied with a silver medal?

I didn't expect it, because I thought I solved mainly three problems. It seems I had a good idea for the problem I didn't solve and I've got the majority of the points.



INTERVIEW with Róbert Nagy, Hungarian contestant and silver medalist

Football or math?

You shouldn't have asked that. I think of myself primarily as a mathematician, even though I played football for 6 years. However, I play basketball these days.

You're from Budapest, right? What are your plans for the future?

Yeah, I am from Budapest. After high school I'd like to go abroad.

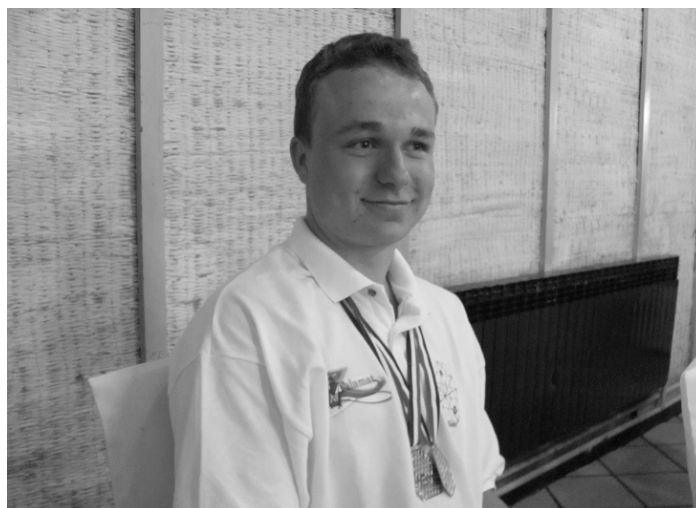
Any specific plans?

Yeah... I like Cambridge.

How did you like the paper?

[Hungarian leader chimed in at this point:]

I liked that it had so many quotes by the main editor Mario, who is clearly obsessed with himself.



A TALK with Viktor Lukáček, Slovakian contestant and bronze medalist

How did you feel when you heard the results?

I was happy because I got 7 points on problem no. 2 which I didn't expect. However, I think it could have been better, with regard to the third and fourth problem.

In our last talk, you said number theory was your favorite area. Did you solve the number theory problem on Saturday?

I didn't, because the solution had to do with the greatest common divisor and I didn't think of that.

At the end, what do you think about your success, the days spent here and, most importantly, The MEMO Post?

I don't think getting a bronze is something special, but of course I'm happy. The first time I saw myself in The MEMO Post, I was :facepalm:, but then I read it and I found there was a mistake in it - I was "offering" 108€ and not 100 for a gold medal. So, today the Polish guy offered to sell me his medal for 108€. I didn't expect that 108€ would be enough, but then again, he had two medals, so he could part with one easily. Of course, in all honesty, a gold medal can't be bought because holding a medal in your hand means nothing if you're not the winner. Anyway, I just told him I didn't have enough money. 😊

*Top: Róbert Nagy
Middle: Viktor Lukáček*

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